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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masakazu NISHIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/994,891

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Group Art Unit: 2651

Examiner: Varsha A. KAPADIA

For: MAGNETIC TRANSFERRING METHOD, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CLEANING MAGNETIC TRANSFER MASTER MEDIUM

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants note that the Examiner's particular comments regarding the reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance contains a typographical error, and instead should read that the reasons for allowance were originally stated in the Office Action mailed January 23, 2004. Moreover, the statement in the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2004 does not accurately reflect the claim language. The statement reads as follows:

Claim 2 differs from the prior art of record by specifically reciting that the slave medium and the master medium are brought into contact with each other, with liquid in an amount of 2 to 2 mg/m² intervening there between.

However, the amount of the liquid in claim 2 is "2 to 20 mg/m²".

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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For this and other reasons, Applicant submits that the scope of the claims should be governed by the actual claim language, not by the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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